A **COMIC ZENON** Production

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The Legend of Oda Nobunaga

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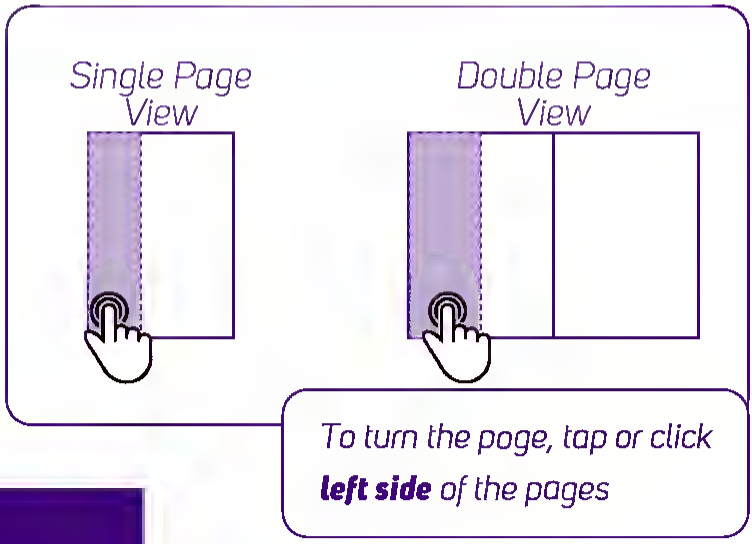

PLEASE TAP
LEFT
TO BEGIN!

THE GREATEST WARLORD, ODA NOBUNAGA !!!
BEHOLD !!
Presented by the creators of "Fist of the North Star" !!
A new masterpiece by the legendory artist
TETSUO HARA
Kippòshi
[Nobunaga's childhood name]
The most mischievous boy, aiming for the TOP of JAPAN!
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MANGA TETSUO HARA STORY SEIBO KITAHARA

OTHER CHARACTERS

Cisco

A mysterious westerner captured by the Skulls.

Inumaru

A slave good at reading the weather. Begs Kippòshi to set himself free, but...?

Masahide Hirate

The most faithful vassal who serves the Oda family. Kippòshi's teacher and guardian.

Nobuhide Oda

A warlord who rules Owari province. Kippòshi's father.

In 16th century, Japan was at war! Every lord of the land aimed to reach the top.

WITNESS the beginning of a new legend!!

The End of the Warring States Period

10th year of the Tensho Era (1582)

June 2nd - Early Morning

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[illegible] brand new series
[illegible] 10 years apart by

Tetsuo Hara

CRUNCH

CRUNCH

CRUNCH

Kyoto

Temple-*Honnō-ji*

Emerging from the morning mists...
The traitor Akechi Mitsuhide
comes for Nobunaga's head!!

ERAAAHHH!!!

The infamous Incident at *Honnō-ji*!
KRAAHHH!
THE ENEMY HAS BREACHED THE TEMPLE!!

With the unification of Japan within his reach, *Oda Nobunaga* found himself under the sudden attack of his own supreme general, *Akechi Mitsuhide*.
KABOOM!
WAAAHHHH!
WAAAHHHH!

I serve
NO
MASTER,
NO GOD.
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Tetsuo Hara's next protagonist.... is
ODA NOBU-NAGA!
Chapter 1 The Kipposhi Days

CLASH!
UGH!
HOLY!
THUD
SCHLOP!
GAK!
SCHLOPPP!
BE GONE!

CLAT-CLAT-CLAT
HUFF
HUFF
KABLAAM!
YASHIRO
Nobunaga's Riding Instructor and Horse Master
SLURP
ODSHH!
GFFF!
WHOOMP!
WEASH!

WHAT A BEAST!

RUSTLE
RUSTLE

GUHAH

WAIT!
IS IT?

ALLOW ME THE PLEA-SURE!

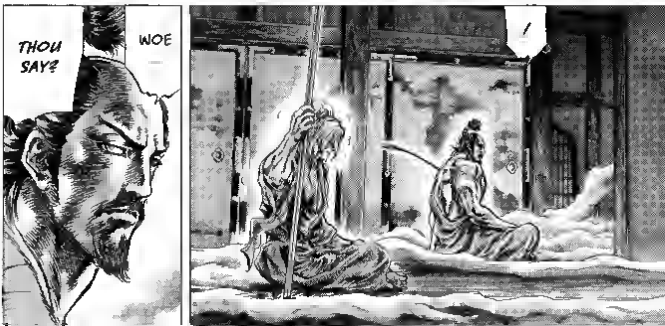
SWISH!

WHEEZ
even to the farthest corners of the land.
Yashiro's horsemanship lent him renown
ART THOU... SIR YASHIRO?
HUFF
HUFF
WHEEZ
WHY SUFFER HERE WHEN YOU OWE NO BOND TO HIM?
FEW MOONS HAVE YOU SERVED NOBUNAGA
HEH
DI-VINE
IT WILL BE
TO DIE WITH HIM!
SHIRK

RRRRAAAAAGGGGG
RR..AHHH!
R..AH!
H!
FWOOH
R..RAHHH!
EAH YA HAHHH!
GLOP

ODA NOBUNAGA
EHH...
ACK
HA!

TO MEET OUR END, HERE, LIKE THIS.
WOE IS OUR FATE!
SOB
SOB
MORI RANMARU
Personal Attendant to Nobunaga


THOU SAY?
WOE
!

DE-
SIRE?
THY...
IS MY
DESIRE!
THIS...
TRUE
IT
BE
SUCH IS MY
FATE AS A
CHILD OF
WAR.
BORN
AMIDST
WAR...
SO SHALL
I DIE
AMIDST
WAR.
BUT YEA,
HAVE I EVER
YEARNED
FOR THIS
NOT FOR
THE
UNBIDDEN
TOUCH OF
DEATH,

THERE IS NO ELEGANCE IN THAT.
GLARE
WITHAL
MY HEAD SHALL NOT BE DISPLAYED IN SOME RIVER DITCH
MY MY LORD!
!
FWISH

WHAT!?
SET ME AFIRE!
RANMARU

I SHALL BECOME ASH,
AND DANCE TO THE HEAVENS
SO LIKE THE WIND I SHALL DANCE
CNICK
SNAP
FWOOSH

First look to the South for summer
We shall dance to the seasons. come now make hast
We shall dance to the seasons for their beauty and grace
SWISH
SWISH
FLIP FLIP
Doth I hark the sounds of sorrow however could it be!

By the banks of the pond. It is merry we shall make
THAT IS
THE TSUSHIMA DANCE!

At the *Heavenly King Festival* in the city of *Tsushima*, **Nobunaga** could be seen dancing together with his family.
He loved to join in the dancing
Throughout **Nobunaga**'s life, festivals had been his great pleasure
LAUGH RANMARU!
FOR THIS SHALL BE MY FINAL DANCE!!

Sa. Sa. Sa. Sah!
Shan shacko shacko
Shacko shan
MY LORD!
MY
GRIN
Sa Sa Sahh

WONDROUS! MY LORD ...
WON-DROUS
–dispelling all lament and attachments to life–
HA, HA
Ranmaru's tears mixed with laughter
HA, HA, HA, HA

GRIN!
BOOM!
ROAAR

IN THE SKY!
VARODSHWHIT
KA-BLAM

The death of Oda Nobunaga
And lo,
GRADOWWW
It seemed a dragon did then appear climbing to the heavens
ZRAHH!

序章
PROLOGUE

吉法師の時代
THE KIPPOSHI DAYS

SLOSH
SLOSHHH
DO DUNNN
GA DAHNN
GO RAHHH
In his mother's womb...
did Nobunaga hear the bays of war
KRAHH!
KRAHH!
KRAHHH!
TSUNNNNNNG

...he learned from war
KRAH!
KRAAHH!
And all he learned...
The battlefield was Nobunaga's cradle...
KRAH!
The moment of his birth would be with fighting all around.
KA-DOOH!
KRAHH!
Nobunaga was...
HWOOOAAAHHH!!
a true
CHILD OF WAR!

FWWSHHH
DANGLE
DANGLE
WOOSHHH

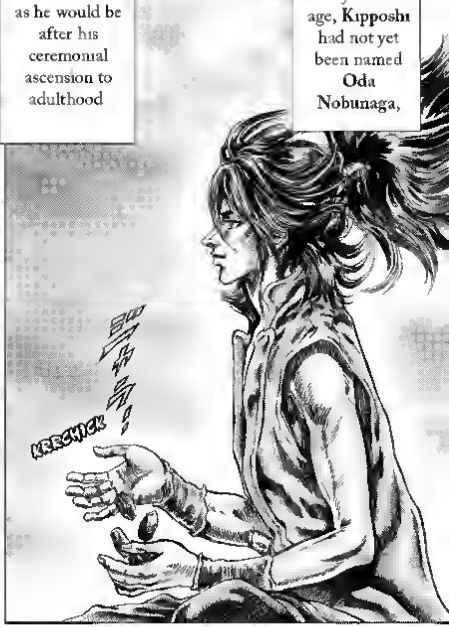
14th year of the Tenmon Era (1545) - Summer
PWK
PLUCK
カニ!

ODA
KIPPOSHI
The Young
Lord of
Castle
Nagoya
FWWSHHHH

Kipposhi made his way to *Tsushima* for the *Heavenly King Festival*
Setting out from Castle *Nagoya* to his childhood home of Castle *Shobata*,
CASTLE SHOBATA
SHRINE TSUSHIMA
FWIK
FWIK
FWIK
FWIK

as he would be after his ceremonial ascension to adulthood

12 years of age, **Kipposhi** had not yet been named **Oda Nobunaga**,



FWISH
ZWI

KERS. LASH
KA
BLUE?
BOD!
MM*H
HO!
FLAP
FLAP

THEN FROM STICK TO SWORD
INTO BARE HAND, HE PUTS A STICK
BEG MY LORD?
MAN GREW HIS ARM EVER LONGER
IN WAR...

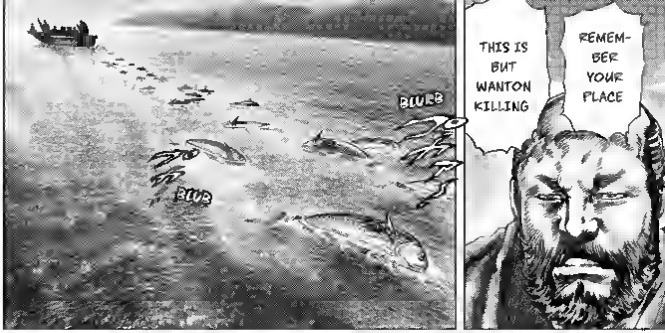
SPLASH
!
SPLASH
SPLOOSH
HO
HA!
HE
HAWP!!

BAP!
BOOSH!
PLOP
PLOP
PLOP
WOAH
AND YET LONGER WITH BOW AND ARROW
THEN TO SPEAR

FLAP
FLIP
SHWOOSH
FSHEW
FSHEW
FSHEW!
KRCHICK'S
F-FSHEW!

WHIP
DWI.!
THUD!
TWWI.!
FLAP FLAP
HE MISSED ONE
OH
OHH!
NO YOU DON'T!
FWASH!
ZWOOSH!

YOU...
FLAP
FLAP
YOUNG... LORD!!
HMPH
THIS ARM...
LONGER STILL?!
GRR...
FLAP
FLAP
...TO MAKE...
HOW...


BLUB
BLUB
THIS IS BUT WANTON KILLING
REMEMBER YOUR PLACE

...FOR MY THROWING ARM
THIS IS TRAINING

HAS BOUNDS!
EVEN TRAINING...
HUFF

HMM...
ICE ICE
GRRR
DAGGERS
ABOUT FACE
I NEV-ER!
!

A RU KA!
(IS THAT SO!)
DE
FOREVER ON THE BATTLEFIELD
LADY WAR NEVER LEAVES KIPPOSHI'S SIDE!!
Kipposhi's adventure goes on in the next episode!

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織田三郎信長伝